

The European Innovation Partnership

Opportunities for organic farming and agroecology

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Goals of the EIP-AGRI

- Bridge the gap between research and practice
- Working together for innovation
- Focus on implementation in practice
- Solutions that are well adapted to local conditions
- Key entities: operational groups



Operational groups

- Built around concrete innovation projects
- Action- and result-oriented groups aiming for co-creation and cross-fertilisation
- Funded by
 - Rural development (CAP): national/ regional level
 - Horizon 2020: EU level (multi-actor projects)

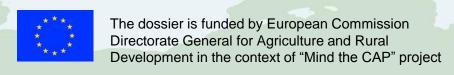


Which priorities?

- Strategic Implementation Plan:
 - improving productivity must go hand-in-hand with sustainable consumption measures
 - new ways of delivering public goods
 - sustainable use of genetic resources
 - improvement of soil fertility
- Rural development regulation
 - EIP-AGRI shall promote an "agricultural sector progressing towards agroecological production systems"

Lost the plot?

- The dossier explains
 - political background
 - rural development versus Horizon 2020
 - role of the service point
 - relevant articles in rural development regulation
 - focus groups
 - inspiration from the Member States
 - What do the authorities plan?
 - What does the organic sector think?









Operational groups in Flanders (BE)

- Open call for proposals
- Max. budget: EUR 40,000 for no more than two years
- Funding rate: 90%
- Support will help operational group to develop ideas into fundable concept
- Flemish organic sector afraid that focus is too much on economic prospects



Operational groups in Baden-Württemberg (DE)

- Combination of top-down and bottom-up selection of themes
- Possible themes
 - More organic from and in B-W
 - Protein production for animal feed, maintenance of orchards, optimising resource efficiency...
- Members can also be from outside B-W, even outside Germany
- Funding rate: 50%, 100% possible if theme of special public interest
- Three years
- Funding for cooperation and direct project costs



Organic operational group in Estonia

- Research centre for Organic Farming, Organic Farrming Platform and Organic Farming Foundation
- Increase productivity of arable rotations
 - Develop appropiate crop rotations
 - Include protein crops in rotations
 - Growing catch crops
 - Minimum tillage
 - Cooperation between livestock and arable farmers for closing nutrient cycle

Duchy original Future Farming Programme (UK)

- Soil Association and Organic Research Centre
- Field labs: producers examine agroecological approaches
 - share existing best practice
 - learn how to run effective DIY trials
 - identify research gaps
- Themes: cereal varieties, microbial soil amendments, biochar, reducing antiobiotics, peat-free materials for seed propagation



Thank you for your attention

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